Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Edward Leroy Newton was born on November 1, 1913; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Edward and his wife, Rose, have been married for over 64 years and they have 5 children, Mike, James, Mary, Joan, and Betty, 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Edward served in World War II as a Seabee in the South Pacific, and upon his return to South Dakota, worked at the local gas station, the Highmore Herald Newspaper, and for the Corps of Engineers while they built Big Bend Dam; and,

Whereas, Edward continues to reside at Highmore, South Dakota, and will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather at the Highmore Senior Center on November 1, 2003, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2003, as

EDWARD LEROY NEWTON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State